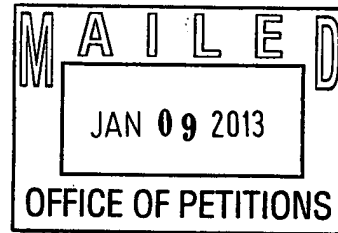




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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This request for information is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed December 6, 2012, to accept a delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

Please submit the requested information within **two (2) months** of the mail date of this communication.

37 CFR 1.33(b)(1) and (2) were recently amended to provide that amendments and other papers, except for written assertions pursuant to § 1.27(c)(2)(iii) or (c)(2)(iv), filed in the application must be signed by:  
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The changes took effect on September 16, 2012.

The present petition, filed December 6, 2012, was signed by Eric Smits, President of Paprima Industries Inc.. Eric Smits has not provided a registration number and a review of Office databases reveals that a person named Eric Smits is not registered to practice before the Office.

As such, the petition was not signed by a proper party. Please submit another petition signed by a proper party.

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